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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Alain M. J. Beguin

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For: Vertical Taper Fabrication Process of A
Narrow Band Wavelength Division
Multiplexer

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON OCTOBER 23, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2003, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/000734 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.